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What's in a name? The context of census terms

rose by any other name may smell just as sweet, but if you want to order a rose from the florist and ask for a chrysanthemum, your nose will be in for a surprise. Knowing terminology is always important when trying to describe a request or find an answer; it is especially significant when working with census data. Knowing the definitions allow the right questions to be asked and the correct answers to be obtained.

The following list of frequently asked questions illustrates why it is important to read the documentation and/ or speak with someone who is familiar with the meaning of census terms when using census data.

In census terms, what is the difference between a household and a family?

A household includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit (e.g., house, apartment, mobile home), whether or not they are related by marriage, birth, or adoption. A family is defined as a householder and one or more other persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by marriage, birth, or adoption.

What is the difference between a population estimate and a population projection?

While both population estimates and projections are rooted in the com-

plete-count census that takes place every 10 years, population estimates are created using information such as birth rates, death rates, and migration data to estimate the population in a geographic area on a particular date. Estimates are released for a date only after the date has passed and the information needed is made available and processed. Therefore, July 1, 1997 population estimates for Missouri counties are being released in early 1998. Population projections are created using age composition data, fertility and mortality rates, and migration patterns to predict the future population for a geographic area. Projections are released for dates in the future.

Do the terms urban and metropolitan statistical area mean the same thing?

No, they have two very different definitions. Currently, the Census Bureau

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defines urban as places of 2,500 or more and areas included in urbanized areas (a central place and the adjacent area that together have a minimum population of 50,000). A metropolitan statistical area (MSA) is an area around a large population center which may include adjacent counties/communities that have a high degree of economic and social interaction with the center-city area. The metropolitan statistical area may cross state lines, as in the case of the Kansas City and St. Louis metropolitan statistical areas. MSAs are defined by the Office of Management and Budget and recognized by the Census Bureau and other federal agencies for statistical reporting.

Why is it true that persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race?

Persons of Hispanic origin are those who classify themselves in one of the specific Hispanic origin categories on the census questionnaire—Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and other Spanish/Hispanic. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Although not a race category, many tabulations are provided by the Census Bureau based on Hispanic origin.

For census purposes, are college students who live in a dormitory counted in their hometown or the town where they attend college?

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1996 population estimates by age and race released for Missouri counties

The Census Bureau released 1996 population estimates by age and race for all Missouri counties and St. Louis city on December 18, 1997. Out of a total state population of 5,358,692 in 1996, it is estimated that 1,394,199 were below age 18 and 741,980 were age 65 or over.

The new county estimates by age are available from the Census Bureau web site at http://www.census.gov/population/estimates/county/ca/camo96.txt. County estimates by race can be found at http://www.census.gov/population/estimates/county/crh/crhmo96.txt. For paper copies of the reports, contact the coordinator of the Missouri State Census Data Center at the State Library, at 800-325-0131, ext. 10.



Missouri State Census Data Center products and development

MSCDC product development and projects for the current year include a senior citizen demographic report for

Missouri (scheduled for completion in June), a cooperative effort with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to update school district boundaries prior to Census 2000, economic reports related to Missouri, a short-term economic forecast, and enhancement to several MSCDC web applications. The center is also continuing to create spatial links to MSCDC data files for use with GIS software.

To suggest ideas for projects and product developments for the coming fiscal year, please contact Debbie Pitts at 800-325-0131, ext. 10, or dpitts@mail. sos.state.mo.us.

Housing survey released for St. Louis metropolitan area

A survey released by the Bureau of the Census and the Department of Housing and Urban Development indicates that 79 percent of all occupied housing units in the St. Louis metropolitan area were single-family homes in 1996. The report—American Housing Survey for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area in 1996—provides data about the metropolitan statistical area (MSA) of St. Louis.

Other findings about the St. Louis, Missouri/Illinois metropolitan area in 1996 include:

- ➤ the area had 1,107,000 housing units, of which, 1,005,500 were occupied
- ➤ the median age of homes in the City of St. Louis was 55 years, compared with 27 years for the remaining area
- > 71 percent of housing in the area was occupied by owners; 29 percent by renters

Comparing owners to renters in the St. Louis metropolitan area

| | owners | renters |
|--|----------|----------|
| median monthly housing cost | \$557 | \$462 |
| median household income | \$43,900 | \$21,700 |
| median percent of current income for housing | 17% | 27% |

Source: American Housing Survey for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area in 1996

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Missouri State Census Data Center web site

A "what's new" section has been added to the MSCDC web site at http://www.oseda.mis souri.edu/mscdc/index.html. Find out about new MSCDC products, training opportunities, and new files and reports which have been added to the MSCDC web site.

1997 Missouri county estimates released

July 1, 1997 population estimates for the nation's 3,142 counties were released during the week of March 16, 1998. The new estimates were prepared by members of the Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates (FSCPE) and released by the Census Bureau. Numbers indicate that population growth in Missouri in the 1990s continues to outpace growth in the 1980s. Natural growth (births minus deaths) accounts for part of the increase in Missouri population, but new net migration also adds to the overall pattern of growth. State demographer Ryan Burson, Missouri's FSCPE representative, explains, "Accelerated growth continues in the Ozarks Region and in suburban counties around St. Louis, Kansas City, and Springfield. Rural areas of the state are experiencing more moderate growth."

| Missouri o estimated 1990 and | numerica | rith the larg Il growth be | est etween |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| St. Charles | 51,524 | Jackson | 14,739 |
| Jefferson | 21,830 | Christian | 14,316 |
| Clay | 20,624 | Cass | 14,088 |
| Greene | 17,628 | Platte | 10,813 |
| Roone | 15 930 | Franklin | 10 394 |

1997 Missouri County Estimates

| | Apr-90 | Jul-96 | Jul-97 | 1990-97 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | census | estimate | estimate | change |
| State ! | 5,116,901 | 5,363,669 | 5,402,058 | 285,157 |
| Adair | 24,577 | 24,449 | 24,299 | -278 |
| Andrew | 14,632 | 15,217 | 15,325 | 693 |
| Atchison | 7,457 | 7,286 | 7,137 | -320 |
| Audrain | 23,599 | 23,491 | 23,568 | -31 |
| Barry | 27,547 | 32,320 | 32,686 | 5,139 |
| Barton | 11,312 | 11,883 | 11,949 | 637 |
| Bates | 15,025 | 15,734 | 15,849 | 824 |
| Benton | 13,859 | 16,159 | 16,529 | 2,670 |
| Bollinger | 10,619 | 11,376 | 11,512 | 893 |
| Boone | 112,379 | 125,943 | 128,309 | 15,930 |
| Buchana | n 83,083 | 81,879 | 81,786 | -1,297 |
| Butler | 38,765 | 40,346 | 40,408 | 1,643 |
| Caldwell | 8,380 | 8,574 | 8,691 | 311 |

| Callaway | 32,809 | 36,359 | 36,932 | 4,123 | Mississi | ppi 14,442 | 13,640 | 13,489 | -953 |
|------------|----------|----------------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------------|---------|-----------|---------------|
| Camden | 27,495 | 32,620 | 33,250 | 5,755 | Monitea | au 12,298 | 13,027 | | 903 |
| Cape Gir | - 61,633 | 65,759 | 66,010 | 4,377 | Monroe | • | 8,963 | 9,029 | -75 |
| ardeau | | | | | Mont- | 11,355 | 11,805 | 11,846 | 491 |
| Carroll | 10,748 | 10,250 | 10,182 | -566 | gomer | • | 47.646 | 40.077 | 2 502 |
| Carter | 5,515 | 6,178 | 6,345 | 830 | Morgan | | 17,646 | 18,077 | 2,503 |
| Cass | 63,808 | 75,683 | 77,896 | 14,088 | New | 20,928 | 20,590 | 20,524 | -404 |
| Cedar | 12,093 | 12,977 | 13,029 | 936 | Madrid | | 47,835 | 48,315 | 3,870 |
| Chariton | 9,202 | 8,781 | 8,794 | -408 | Newton | • | 20,973 | 20,911 | -798 |
| Christian | 32,644 | 44,939 | 46,960 | 14,316 | Nodawa | • | | 9,957 | 487 |
| Clark | 7,547 | 7,496 | 7,504 | -43 | Oregon | | 10,077 | | 511 |
| Clay | 153,411 | 170,389 | 174,035 | 20,624 | Osage | 12,018 | 12,445 | 12,529 | |
| Clinton | 16,595 | 18,133 | 18,620 | 2,025 | Ozark | 8,598 | 9,626 | 9,613 | 1,015 |
| Cole | 63,579 | 68,293 | 68,814 | 5,235 | Pemisco | | 21,662 | 21,520 | -401 |
| Cooper | 14,835 | 16,031 | 16,094 | 1,259 | Perry | 16,648 | 17,448 | 17,478 | 830 |
| Crawford | 19,173 | 21,719 | 22,011 | 2,838 | Pettis | 35,437 | 36,735 | 36,788 | 1,351 |
| Dade | 7,449 | 7,926 | 7,944 | 495 | Phelps | 35,248 | 37,965 | 38,464 | 3,216 |
| Dallas | 12,646 | 14,788 | 15,137 | 2,491 | Pike | 15,969 | 16,151 | 16,141 | 172 |
| Daviess | 7,865 | 7,815 | 7,789 | -76 | Platte | 57,867 | 67,329 | 68,680 | 10,813 |
| DeKalb | 9,967 | 11,052 | 11,097 | 1,130 | Polk | 21,826 | 25,173 | 25,454 | 3,628 |
| Dent | 13,702 | 14,069 | 14,079 | 377 | Pulaski | 41,307 | 38,012 | 38,176 | -3,131 |
| Douglas | 11,876 | 12,261 | 12,299 | 423 | Putnam | 5,079 | 5,040 | 4,940 | -139 |
| Dunklin | 33,112 | 33,039 | 32,806 | -306 | Ralls | 8,476 | 8,805 | 8,832 | 356 |
| Franklin | 80,603 | 89,505 | 90,997 | 10,394 | Randolp | oh 24,370 | 24,114 | 23,888 | -482 |
| Gasconad | - | 14,600 | 14,763 | 757 | Ray | 21,968 | 22,697 | 23,216 | 1,248 |
| Gentry | 6,854 | 6,882 | 6,856 | 2 | Reynolo | ls 6,661 | 6,696 | 6,702 | 41 |
| | 207,949 | 224,239 | 225,577 | 17,628 | Ripley | 12,303 | 13,667 | 13,890 | 1,587 |
| Grundy | 10,536 | 10,291 | 10,243 | -293 | St. Char | les 212,75° | 255,667 | 264,275 | 51,524 |
| Harrison | 8,469 | 8,316 | 8,395 | -74 | St. Clair | 8,457 | 9,075 | 9,083 | 626 |
| Henry | 20,044 | 21,083 | 21,066 | 1,022 | Ste. Ger | ne- 16,037 | 16,877 | 17,214 | 1,1 <i>77</i> |
| Hickory | 7,335 | 8,486 | 8,636 | 1,301 | vieve | | | | |
| Holt | 6,034 | 5,671 | 5,629 | -405 | St. Fran- | - 48,904 | 53,955 | 54,598 | 5,694 |
| Howard | 9,631 | 9,755 | 9,773 | 142 | cois | | | | |
| Howell | 31,447 | 35,129 | 35,566 | 4,119 | St. Louis | s 993,508 | | 1,003,595 | 10,087 |
| Iron | 10,726 | 10,944 | 11,017 | 291 | | s 396,685 | 349,271 | 341,869 | -54,816 |
| | 633,234 | 645,380 | 647,973 | 14,739 | (City) | | | | |
| Jasper | 90,465 | 97,833 | 98,812 | 8,347 | Saline | 23,523 | 23,015 | 22,890 | -633 |
| Jefferson | | 189,557 | 193,210 | 21,830 | Schuyle | | 4,373 | 4,374 | 138 |
| Johnson | 42,514 | 46,530 | 47,356 | 4,842 | Scotland | | 4,822 | 4,829 | 7 |
| Knox | 4,482 | 4,324 | 4,368 | -114 | Scott | 39,376 | 40,186 | 40,312 | 936 |
| | | 29,839 | 30,414 | 3,256 | Shanno | n <i>7,</i> 613 | 7,987 | 8,157 | 544 |
| Laclede | 27,158 | | | | Shelby | 6,942 | 6,858 | 6,818 | -124 |
| Lafayette | | 32,294 | 32,524 | 1,417 | Stoddar | d 28,895 | 29,579 | 29,567 | 672 |
| Lawrence | | 32,435 | 32,850 | 2,614 | Stone | 19,078 | 26,087 | 26,486 | 7,408 |
| Lewis | 10,233 | 10,189 | 10,159 | -74 | Sullivan | 6,326 | 6,629 | 6,658 | 332 |
| Lincoln | 28,892 | 34,127 | 35,181 | 6,289 | Taney | 25,561 | 33,312 | 33,962 | 8,401 |
| Linn | 13,885 | 13,969 | 13,966 | 81 | Texas | 21,476 | 22,355 | 22,442 | 966 |
| Livingston | | 14,360 | 14,352 | -240 | Vernon | 19,041 | 19,209 | 19,163 | 122 |
| McDonald | 16,938 | 19,106 | 19,738 | 2,800 | Warren | 19,534 | 22,918 | 23,626 | 4,092 |
| Macon | 15,345 | 15,200 | 15,272 | -73 | Wash- | 20,380 | 22,284 | | 2,306 |
| Madison | 11,127 | 11,45 <i>7</i> | 11,581 | 454 | ington | | , | | |
| Maries | 7,976 | 8,240 | 8,331 | 355 | Wayne | 11,543 | 12,803 | | 1,316 |
| Marion | 27,682 | 27,815 | 27,823 | 141 | Webste | r 23,753 | 27,724 | 28,443 | 4,690 |
| Mercer | 3,723 | 4,013 | 3,996 | 273 | Worth | 2,440 | 2,321 | 2,333 | -107 |
| Miller | 20,700 | 22,291 | 22,592 | 1,892 | Wright | 16,758 | 19,273 | 19,468 | 2,710 |
| | • | • | • | | ; | | | | |

Missouri population tops 5.4 million

State population estimates for July 1, 1997 were released by the Census Bureau in December 1998. The new estimates indicate that Missouri population has reached just over 5.4 million.

| | April 1, 1990 census total | July 1, 1997 estimate | number increase |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Missouri | 5,116,901 | 5,402,058 | 285,154 |
| Arkansas | 2,350,624 | 2,522,819 | 172,194 |
| Illinois | 11,430,602 | 11,895,849 | 465,247 |
| Kansas | 2,477,588 | 2,594,840 | 117,252 |
| Kentucky | 3,686,892 | 3,908,124 | 221,232 |
| Nebraska | 1,578,417 | 1,656,870 | 78,453 |
| Oklahoma | 3,145,576 | 3,317,091 | 171,515 |
| Tennessee | 4,877,203 | 5,368,198 | 490,995 |
| | | | |

Source: Population Estimates Program, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census

1995 business data for Missouri counties

| county/county equivalent | number of businesses | number of employees | payroll (in thousands) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| St. Louis County | 29,630 | 528,032 | \$15,384,414 |
| Jackson County | 17,831 | 336,450 | \$ 9,316,196 |
| St. Louis (city) | 10,665 | 284,665 | \$ 8,654,441 |
| Greene County | 7,269 | 119,485 | \$ 2,437,955 |
| St. Charles County | 5,306 | 68,426 | \$ 1,582,057 |

Source: 1995 County Business Patterns, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

St. Louis County leads Missouri counties in number of businesses

According to tabulations recently released by the Census Bureau in 1995 County Business Patterns, St. Louis County was home to the largest number of businesses in Missouri with 29,630. The total of number of businesses in the state equaled 139,980 in 1995, an increase of 1,706 from 1994. Payroll for the state increased 6.3 percent, from \$50.2 billion in 1994 to \$53.3 billion in 1995, while total number of Missouri employees grew from 2,101,239 to 2,169,026 between 1994 and 1995.

➤ What's in a name?

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The regular place of residence for college students is in the town where they attend college unless they commute. Similarly, persons in the armed forces are counted as residents of the area where they are stationed. Persons serving jail terms are counted in the location where they are incarcerated. This is in accordance with census practices that date back to the first United States census in 1790, when each person was to be counted as an inhabitant of his or her "usual residence." Usual residence is considered to be the place where a person lives and sleeps most of the time. This place is not necessarily the same as the person's legal residence or voting residence.

Calendar

March 30-31

Census Bureau's Regional State Census Data Center meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago. For additional information, see http://www.rand.org/centers/population/PAA.98meeting/ or contact Frank Ambrose, Customer Liaison Office, US. Bureau of the Census at 800-416-0199.

April 3

Missouri State Census Data Center training sessions in Columbia. Training sessions include "Making Census Come Alive on the Internet" and "Census Basics." For additional information, contact the Missouri State Census Data Center at 800-325-0131, ext. 10.

April 8-9

Annual statewide Labor Market Information (LMI) Workshop in St. Louis. The workshop will provide an overview of Missouri's labor market, updated occupational projections,

and a preview of the Missouri One-Stop Information System software. For additional information or to receive a registration form, contact the Missouri Occupational Information Coordinating Council at 573-751-3800.

April 17

Missouri State Census Data Center training sessions in Kansas City. Training sessions include "Making Census Come Alive on the Internet"and "Census Basics." For additional information, contact the Missouri State Census Data Center at 800-325-0131, ext. 10.

April 29-30

Upper Midwest Conference on Demographics for Policy Makers, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Contact Richard Grefe 612-625-0196 or visit http://www.cee.umn.edu/pdcs/Demographics.html.

May 4-7

MidAmerica GIS Symposium, Lincoln, Nebraska. Information is available on the MidAmerica GIS Consortium web site at http://www.geo.drake.edu/magic.

Urban/rural report released for Missouri

A new study, which analyzes and compares urban and rural Missouri, is now available from the Missouri State Census Data Center in print and electronic formats. The report was created for MSCDC by Doug Bowles, a researcher at the Center for Economic Information in Kansas City. The study notes that approximately 33% of Missouri counties are between 95-100% rural, and that another 15% of Missouri counties are between 75-95 percent rural. To view the full report, select "Economic Report Series" from the MSCDC web site at http://www.oseda.missouri.edu/ mscdc/index.html, or contact the Missouri State Census Data Center at 800-325-0131, ext. 10

Highlighting MSCDC Affiliates

Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission serves Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott, and Stoddard counties. Organized in 1967 as a result of the State and Regional Planning and Community Development Act of 1966, BRP & EDC recently celebrated its 30th anniversary with an event that included former Missouri first lady Betty Hearnes of Charleston as the keynote speaker. Hearnes spoke for her husband, former governor Warren Hearnes, who was recovering from openheart surgery at the time of the celebration. She recalled that her husband's vision when he ran for governor was to institute "creative localism," an approach which included the establishment of regional planning commissions or councils of government. Mrs. Hearnes explained that regional planning commissions were set up throughout the state "to provide leadership of a cooperative nature at the local level..."

This cooperative approach means that Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission works closely with local units of government in their six-county area to assist with projects and programs as outlined in the region's Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP). The areas of focus for the OEDP include job creation, work-force education, public infrastructure (drinking water and waste water systems, housing rehabilitation, adequate drainage, etc.), and transportation planning. Other areas of high priority include assistance to local governments for solid waste management, tourism development, mapping, grant writing and grant administration. During the past year, over 50 grant applications were prepared by the commission's staff. Also, an in-house revolving loan fund program assists new or expanding industries in the region.

In the area of transportation planning, the commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) works in partnership with and receives funding from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). The TAC Committee meets several times throughout the year with MoDOT district planners and engineers to discuss regional transportation needs and formulate a list of priority needs for all modes of transportation within the region.

The commission's Regional Tourism Committee recently completed a visitor's guide and map for their six-county area entitled "The Bountiful Bootheel." This \$16,000 project, which included funding from the Missouri Division of Tourism and local matching dollars, depicts the region's historical, cultural, natural, and recreational attractions, as well as highlights area hospitality. The committee is currently preparing additional brochures to complement the visitor's guide and map.

Bootheel's staff of 10 employees work closely with state and federal agencies on a daily basis to plan and implement these projects as well as many others. Leon Steinbrueck, the executive director BRP & EDC, explains, "Our mission, community and economic development, succeeds by working together and partnering with local, state, and federal agencies on behalf of the region's local units of government. Our mandate—and the legacy of the Bootheel Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission—is to improve the quality of life for all people in the region."

Sources: Daily Dunklin Democrat, December 14, 1997; Annual Report For Fiscal Year 1996-1997, Bootheel Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission, September 1997.



News Briefs

Census Bureau director resigns

Martha Farnsworth Riche resigned as director of the Bureau of the Census, effective January 31, 1998. Riche, who assumed the task of leading the Census Bureau in 1994, has worked to present a plan for Census 2000 which she believes will be more cost effective and more accurate than the 1990 Census.

Secretary of Commerce William Daley has named James F. Holmes the acting director of the Census Bureau. Holmes, who has worked for the Census Bureau for the past 30 years, was serving as the director of the Atlanta Regional Office at the time of his appointment as acting director. About the search for a new director, Secretary Daily noted, "Naming an outstanding, first-rate director will receive the highest priority."

Riche intends to resume her writing and lecturing career, which focuses on demographic and economic changes.

Data Center participant receives award

Patricia Antrim received the 1997 Outstanding New Librarian Award from the Missouri Library Association. Antrim, a government documents librarian at Ward Edwards Library at Central Missouri State University, is an active participant in the Missouri State Census Data Center Program.

Missouri State Census Data Center committees

Two standing committees were formed in 1996 to advise the Missouri State Census Data Center (MSCDC) in the areas of educational programming and Internet development. Committee members are comprised of affiliate, associate, and coordinating members of the MSCDC Program. Both committees meet twice a year and provide input and guidance about how the State Census Data Center can best serve the needs of data users.

The Education Committee outlines plans for training opportunities and MSCDC annual conference plans. The Internet Committee assesses the MSCDC Internet site and provides input for Internet development.

To share ideas for MSCDC educational programming or web design and development, contact any of the appropriate committee members and/or the MSCDC coordinator.

Current MSCDC Education Committee members include:

Anne Watts, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis (committee chairperson), 314-539-0377

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Linda McDaniel, Urban Information Center, St. Louis, 314-516-6035

Debbie Pitts, Missouri State Library, Jefferson City (MSCDC coordinator),

573-526-7648

Randy Smith, Missouri Department of Mental Health, Jefferson City, 573-751-7089

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Byron Stewart, Meyer Library (SM SU), Springfield, 417-836-4533

CyberSource



Useful bookmarks on the web

Census Bureau's estimates of children in poverty

http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe93.html

This site includes state-level and county-level data released in January of 1998, which shows the estimated number of children under age 18 who were living in poverty in 1993; also includes state-level estimates for the number of poor children under age 5 in 1993. For additional information, see the January 15, 1998 Census Bureau press release at http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/cb98-09.html.

Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis (OSEDA)

http://www.oseda.missouri.edu/ind ex.html

OSEDA's newly designed web site includes demographic information about agriculture, business, education, youth (including the annual Kids Count), families, and many other topics; thematic maps, area profiles, a data archive, and OSEDA's popular Trendletters are also available on the site.

Neighborhood Network

http://www.kcneighbornet.org/frindex.htm

Provides statistics and information (taxes, obtaining licenses and permits, etc.) about Kansas City, Missouri and its neighborhoods; neighborhood data includes demographics and crime statistics.

1997 Statistical Abstract available

The 117th edition of *Statistical Abstract of the United States* is one of the recent publications from the Census Bureau. Published annually, the 1997 edition includes new tables such as schools with Internet access, family net worth, and minority-owned businesses. Information from the new *Statistical Abstract* includes:

- four out of ten American families own stock
- one out of three American households have a pet dog
- two out of three families in America use credit cards
- in 1995, the average family spent \$1,775 (5.5 percent) of total expenditures on entertainment or reading
- in the spring of 1997, between five and six percent of households with incomes under \$30,000 had accessed the Internet in the prior 30 days; this compared with 27 percent of households with incomes of \$50,000 or more

The new edition also includes several tables formerly published by the International Trade Administration in the U.S. Industrial Outlook.

The *Statistical Abstract of the United States* 1997 is available from the National Technical Information Service at 703-487-4650. The cost is \$33.00 for softbound (stock number PB97-965801) or \$39.00 for hardbound (PB97-965301). To view the electronic version, visit http://www.census.gov/statab/www/.

Product Updates

LandView® III now available

The newest version of LandView®, a desktop mapping system, is now available from the Census Bureau. This software system includes database extracts from the Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of the Census, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Department of Transportation, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. These databases are presented on maps that show jurisdictional boundaries, networks of roads, rivers, railroads, schools, hospitals, cemeteries, airports, dams, census block group and tract polygons along with demographic and

economic data from the 1990 census.

The Windows-based LandView® III is an upgrade of the earlier DOS-based LandView® II, which was released in 1995. It contains updated street and landmark information, and improved street searching, thematic mapping, and data querying techniques.

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More than half of all small businesses began in the home

Businesses often begin at home. More than half of the 17 million businesses in the country started there, according to results from the Census Bureau's Characteristics of Business Owners Survey, part of the 1992 Economic Census.

Many still use a home base even after they're off and running. In 1992, approximately 49 percent of businesses with between \$10,000 and \$200,000 in receipts operated from a home. Approximately 60 percent of businesses in 1992 with less than \$10,000 in sales and receipts operated out of a home when founded.

Even larger businesses may have started this way. About 14 percent of businesses with more than \$1 million in sales and receipts in 1992 were initially home based.

Home-based businesses are more likely to spring up in some industries than in others. For example, about 78 percent of all construction firms started this way. In contrast, only 34 percent of finance, insurance and real estate firms started this way.

Source: 1992 Economic Census, Characteristics of Business Owners, Series CB092-1, (www.census.gov/agfs/www/cbo.html). Print (\$10) and CD-ROM (\$150) call 301-457-4100.

Young adults move the most

One in three "twentysomethings" moved between March 1995 and March 1996, about twice the rate of the population as a whole. Older people move far less frequently.

Learn more about Americans on the move in the Census Bureau's latest mobility tabulations. They focus on who's moving, from where to where.

Source: Geographical Mobility: March 1995 to March 1996, Series P20-497. Detailed tables, Series PPL-69, (www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/migrate.html).



Ten biggest U.S. cities 1990-1996

| Rank | City | Population | $\%\Delta$ |
|------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | New York | 7,380,906 | 0.8 |
| 2 | Los Angeles | 3,553,638 | 2.0 |
| 3 | Chicago | 2,721,547 | -2.2 |
| 4 | Houston | 1,744,058 | 6.5 |
| 5 | Philadelphia | 1,478,002 | -6.8 |
| 6 | San Diego | 1,171,121 | 5.4 |
| 7 | Phoenix | 1,159,014 | 17.7 |
| 8 | San Antonio | 1,067,816 | 11.3 |
| 9 | Dallas | 1,053,292 | 4.5 |
| 10 | Detroit | 1,000,272 | -2.7 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, 1990-1996 Estimates of Cities and Places.